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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

THURSDAY, March 25, 1784.

For the MARYLAND GAZETTE.

[illegible] arresting the person, and [illegible] of the private papers of [illegible] without any proof of disaffection, ought not to be exercised by the government, [illegible] and a very [illegible] of criminal conduct [illegible] the first. Personal liberty ought [illegible] to be held sacred, and the papers [illegible] nor any members of the community ought to be suffered to inspect the [illegible] correspondence or domestic concerns of individuals. This general rule [illegible] the legislature observed, to preserve faith and friendship, and to [illegible] the peace and happiness of families, which might be destroyed by the discovery of domestic transactions to the knowledge of the malicious world. This rule has been relaxed in all governments, when their safety required. I am of opinion, that the assembly were well justified in giving such a power to our governor and council, during the present war, to detect [illegible] internal foes, by whose arts, connections and secret correspondence with our enemies, we have suffered so extremely. The late exercise of this power in the case of Mr. Garland Callis, and Mr. Overton Carr, of Prince George's county, meets with my warmest approbation; and I take the liberty to lay the conduct of those gentlemen before the public, for their information; and to save Mr. Callis the trouble, impertinently requested liberty of our [illegible] to publish his case to the world.

The reverend Mr. Henry Addison, of Prince George's county, left this state in the fall of 1775, and went to England. [illegible] he disapproved of our resistance to the arbitrary acts of the king and parliament of Great-Britain. His influence, as far as it [illegible], was exerted against every spirited measure to save us from the tyranny of Britain. He pretended to deny the right of parliament to tax America, but always disapproved of every public measure which would probably prevent it. In a word, he was an enemy to us and our cause, and in his old age he forsook his native country, his family and friends, to evince his fidelity to his royal master. [illegible] of sovereigns, and his exemption from his rebellious subjects. He accepted of a curacy in Shropshire, [illegible] by other numberless acts made his [illegible] to be considered a *female object*, [illegible] intolerable circumstances hurries him away to [illegible] friends in Britain, and his insatiable [illegible] induced him to attempt his return to Maryland. He relied on the easy forgiving temper of his countrymen, and the influence of his connections, being related to many gentlemen of family and fortune, the greater part of whom are known to be disaffected and tories. In October last he arrived in New York, and [illegible] by letter to the governor, to permit him, with his son (who he knew had been one of the infants in camp in Kent) to visit his native country; and declared, that, being an old man broken down with infirmities, he might find a grave among his ancestors." If this was the real motive for his request to return, why did he basely desert his native land, in the hour of her distress? But he left us with all the spiritual pride, and all the implacable resentment of a priest; his opposition in soliciting to return is to [illegible] his fortune, which he begins to think in danger. But "he loves his country, but never came to love her;" and therefore he opposed her virtuous struggles for freedom, and fled from her almost [illegible]. That he knew that he should find friends in Prince-George's and Frederick counties, no man can doubt, who knows him; his crediting itself can be believed, that he has any spark of attachment for this country, or any man in it, but his connections and tory friends. The house of delegates (without one negative in his favour) resolved his sentence, tory, and the whigs in Prince-George's county petitioned against his ever returning to this state. His philosophic mind may draw consolation even from this event, and there is little doubt, but he will urge this cruelty in his country, as a recommendation to sir Harry Clinton, the worshipful mayor of New-York, and his friend Tony Stewart, the most intolerant of all the refugees, and the other British worthies in that city.

Mr. Garland Callis (who married Mr. Addison's daughter) after the house of delegates refused to permit Mr. Addison to return to this state, went in January last to Elizabeth-town, in New-Jersey, without leave; and there had an interview with Mr. Addison and his son, and received from them letters from the reverend Mr. Boucher to Overton Carr, Ralph Fortier, and Benedict Calvert, Esqrs. and from other refugees and tories in England to their brethren in this state, which he brought down and delivered. This being discovered, and making some noise, Mr. Callis collected the letters, and enclosed them to the governor. Soon after Mr. Callis returned from Elizabeth-town, he went to the Delaware state, and made interest with the assembly to permit Mr. Addison and son to reside there; and in the month of February he wrote Mr. Addison, "that he had consulted every person in *power* in that state, who generally agreed to receive him and his son; and that Mr. R——— (meaning Caesar Rodney, Esq. the president of the state) had offered to give from under his hand, if necessary, to assure the certainty of his being received, notwithstanding the determination of the H———; Mr. Callis further added, "that he had every assurance, that Mr. Addison would be received in Delaware with the utmost politeness." It is said, Mr. Callis applied twice to the assembly of Delaware, and that his request was rejected the first time by only one voice; what was the fate of his second application is not known, but very probably it was refused. I cannot believe Mr. Rodney ever gave Mr. Callis the promise mentioned, and the council of safety members of the Delaware convention, who signed an address to congress from that state, are liable to unanswerable, and no evidence of their censure.

On the 4th of September, 1779, Mr. Anthony Addison, son of the reverend refugee, in virtue of a power of attorney from him, conveyed to Mr. Callis the lands of his father in Prince George's county, and a great number of negroes. This conveyance was fraudulent, and made with design to evade the payment of the treble tax, and to save the parson's estate from confiscation. On the 23d of last January, the reverend refugee, at Elizabeth-town, executed a deed of all his real and personal property in this state to his son Anthony, with a power of revocation, and Mr. Callis was one of the witnesses to the deed.

In the month of September 1775, the reverend Mr. Jonathan Boucher departed this state, and for the same motives which influenced his friend Mr. Addison, and he also was rewarded with a curacy in England for his loyalty. This reverend gentleman's political character was well established, before he fled a country, in which he raised himself from a pitiful pedagogue, to an affluent fortune. His letters prove his constant correspondence with Mr. Overton Carr, and his frequent writing to Ralph Fortier, and Benedict Calvert, Esqrs. two conjurers and tories of Prince-George's county; and that the disaffected in this state maintain a constant correspondence with the refugees in Great-Britain. This reverend gentleman's letters are full of bitterness and resentment against this country; his language is very similar to such as *barbarians, &c. &c.* and every letter breathes sedition. In his letter to Mr. Carr, in the month of July 1780, he advises him "to exert himself, if opportunity offers; as he neither wants sense nor *resolution*, but spirit and activity;" and in his letter of January 1782, he advises Mr. Carr, and his good friend honest Fortier, *to behave themselves as men all over the case.* His conduct in discharging his debts to their loan office, and to his other creditors in continental (by his agent Mr. Overton Carr) proves his attention to worldly matters; and his parting his friend Mr. [illegible] the cash lent him when in distress, in depreciated continental, evinces his honour and gratitude; and his intention to discharge his debts to Mrs. O—— in the depreciated paper, will give further testimony of his integrity. The fraudulent conveyance of his estate by his attorney Mr. Overton Carr, to his sisters and Garland Carr, could have been proved without his letters to Overton Carr, in one of which, in the month of July 1778, he writes, "that Mr. B—— of Annapolis, (and I hint to Mr. B—— to drop this correspondence) had kindly applied him of the intended confiscation act, that he found some comfort in reflecting, that all his property was then, in fact, Mr. Overton Carr's, and that he could take such steps as might secure it, *notwithstanding* (Mr. Boucher) *should rail.*" The bond from Mr. Garland Carr for the reconveyance (drawn by William Cook, Esq. a nonjuror and tory, and who was privy, and probably advised the conveyance) would be conclusive evidence of the fraud.

From the above facts will Mr. Callis presume to justify his conduct? or can any man doubt the political principles of either him, or Mr. Overton Carr? They are certainly both tories, and agents for two refugee Parsons, both of them our bitter enemies, and they have been their instru-

** In Rivington's Royal Gazette of the 20th of February last, Tony Stewart, after informing the public of his resolution (to which I agree with his friend parson Addison he will give ready and universal belief) "never to visit us," with his own consent, nay if so, wish; which his royal master had honoured him with, in testimony of his loyalty," with consummate impudence adds, "also so far from soliciting, I am myself resolved, whatever may be the consequences, never to accept permission to live under the protection of a set of men, who have uplifted their sword against the head of sovereigns; and by persisting in a wicked rebellion have brought ruin on this once happy country." Mr. Stellman, descended from an illegitimate branch of the tyrant Stewart, to boast of his loyalty to the present tyrant of Great-Britain! If any principles were known, they must proceed from affection to the cause of his lord of sovereigns, and not any attachment to his person. At the very time of Tony's publication, he was earnestly soliciting the governor of this state to permit his wife and children to return, to live under the protection of those whom he insolently calls rebels.*

ments of fraud. I think the governor and council were too mild to them and their lenity will rather encourage, than deter the diſaffected. A firm decided conduct, with regard to tories, will make government reſpected; any favour or indulgence ſhewn to them will render it contemptible. The tories may rely their conduct is obſerved, and ſhall be made public, whenever neceſſary; and I hope our executive will give no cauſe of complaint, to the whigs of this ſtate, for an improper complaiſance: or an ill-judged, or ill-timed exertion of compaſſion to the refugees, or their tory friends. That Mr. Calls, or Mr. Carr (who married the ſiſter of Mr. Boucher's wife, the niece of Mr. Addiſon) ſhould find a number of friends to be their ſecurity, I did not wonder; but I was mortified to ſee the ſheriff of Prince-George's county ſervilely offer himſelf, and enter their ſecurity. Unleſs the ſheriffs of Prince-George's and Frederick counties collect the treble tax from the property of the two refugee parſons, they ſhall hear of it.

A BYE-STANDER.

From the London Gazette extraordinary.

At the court at St. James's, the 20th of December, 1780.

PRESENT,

The king's moſt excellent majeſty in council.

HIS majeſty, having taken into conſideration the many injurious proceedings of the ſtates general of the United Provinces, and their ſubjects, as ſet forth in his royal manifeſto of this date, and being determined to take ſuch meaſures as are neceſſary for vindicating the honour of his crown, and for procuring reparation and ſatisfaction, is pleaſed, by and with the advice of his privy council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that general reprizals be granted againſt the ſhips, goods, and ſubjects, of the ſtates general of the United Provinces, ſo that as well his majeſty's fleet and ſhips, as alſo all other ſhips and veſſels that ſhall be commiſſioned by letters of marque or general reprizals, or otherwiſe, by his majeſty's commiſſioners for executing the office of lord high admiral of Great-Britain, ſhall and may lawfully ſeize all ſhips, veſſels, and goods belonging to the ſtates general of the United Provinces, or their ſubjects, or others inhabiting within any of the territories of the aforeſaid ſtates general, and bring the ſame to judgment in any of the courts of admiralty within his majeſty's dominions: and to that end his majeſty's advocate general, with the advocate of the admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the draught of a commiſſion, and to preſent the ſame to his majeſty at this board, authoriſing the commiſſioners for executing the office of lord high admiral, or any perſon or perſons by them empowered and appointed, to iſſue forth and grant letters of marque and reprizal to any of his majeſty's ſubjects, or others whom the ſaid commiſſioners ſhall deem fitly qualified in that behalf, for the apprehending, ſeizing and taking the ſhips, veſſels, and goods belonging to the ſtates general of the United Provinces, and their vaſſals and ſubjects, or any inhabiting within the countries, territories or dominions of the aforeſaid ſtates general; and that ſuch powers and clauſes be inſerted in the ſaid commiſſion as have been uſual, and are according to former precedents: and his majeſty's ſaid advocate general, with the advocate of the admiralty, are alſo forthwith to prepare the draught of a commiſſion, and preſent the ſame to his majeſty at this board, authoriſing the ſaid commiſſioners for executing the office of lord high admiral to will and require the high court of admiralty of Great-Britain, and the lieutenant and judge of the ſaid court, his ſurrogate or ſurrogates, as alſo the ſeveral courts of admiralty within his majeſty's dominions, to take cognizance of, and judicially to proceed upon all, and all manner of captures, ſeizures, prizes and reprizals of all ſhips and goods that are or ſhall be taken, and to hear and determine the ſame; and, according to the courſe of admiralty, and the laws of nations, to adjudge and condemn all ſuch ſhips, veſſels and goods, as ſhall belong to the ſtates general of the United Provinces, or their vaſſals and ſubjects, or to any others inhabiting within any of the counties, territories and dominions of the aforeſaid ſtates general; and that ſuch powers and clauſes be inſerted in the commiſſion as have been uſual, and are according to former precedents; and they are likewiſe to prepare, and lay before his majeſty at this board, a draught of ſuch inſtructions as may be proper to be ſent to the courts of admiralty in his majeſty's foreign governments and plantations, for their guidance herein; as alſo another draught of inſtructions for ſuch ſhips as ſhall be commiſſioned for the purpoſes aforementioned.

BASSETERRE, (St. Chriſtopher's) *February* 10.

By the ſhip which brought the Dutch ſoldiers and other priſoners to this iſland, we are informed, that the fleet of veſſels amounting to 27 in number, bound to Holland, under convoy of the Dutch admiral, which took its departure only two days before the capture of St. Euſtatius, was all brought back in ſafety to that road by a detachment admiral Rodney had diſpatched for that purpoſe. That the Dutch admiral was killed by the firſt broadſide, and after a very ſhort but ſmart engagement, the whole ſtruck.

Yeſterday evening about ſix o'clock appeared off this road, a brig with a ſignal of a white jack at her fore-top-maſthead, on which the fire ſhip and frigate that were here immediately got under way and proceeded with the brig, ſuppoſed for St. Euſtatius. Various are the conjectures upon it, as report ſays, there was a fleet ſeen to leeward of Martinico.

PHILADELPHIA, *March* 20.

By authentic intelligence from the eaſtward we learn, that the French ſquadron ſailed from Newport the 8th inſtant, and the Britiſh fleet put to ſea from Gardiner's bay two days afterwards.

Yeſterday arrived here a prize brig, late belonging to Baltimore, laden with flour; ſhe was re-taken by captain Sutton, in a letter of marque from this port, having been taken by a Britiſh cruiſer on her voyage to the Weſt-Indies.

Alſo arrived the brig Amelia, late commanded by captain Lindſay, from St. Kitts bound to London, prize to the Felicity and Antelope letters of marque, belonging to Baltimore.

This veſſel brings us a confirmation of the very important intelligence reſpecting St. Euſtatia being taken by the Britiſh fleet on the 3d inſt. The particulars we learn are, that all the property on the iſland was ſeized on by admiral Rodney, whether belonging to Engliſh, Dutch or American merchants. That the Dutch iſland of Curaſoa had alſo been ſeized by the Britiſh admiral, who had ſent a number of his priſoners to St. Kitts in tranſports, and that a report prevailed in the Weſt-Indies of the Britiſh having cut out upward of 150 ſail of Dutch veſſels from the Texel, in Europe.

A paſſenger on board the Amelia prize ſays he was at Antigua on the 8th of February, when war was formally declared againſt the ſtates general.

West-river, March 2, 1781.

THIS is to give notice, that I intend to apply to the next general aſſembly for a confirmation of my title to part of a tract of land lying in Montgomery county, purchaſed of Mr. Edward Sprigg, junior. SW

3 THOMAS MORTON, jun.

BY an act paſſed laſt ſeſſion of [illegible] entitled, A ſupplement to the act [illegible] raiſe the ſupplies for the year [illegible] hundred and eighty-five," it is enacted, "That the new bills of credit emitted by this ſtate, and the new continental bills of credit emitted in this ſtate, ſhall be received at the rate of one dollar of the ſaid bills for one half a Spaniſh milled dollar, if tendered before the firſt day of April next, by perſons entitled to pay in money for the part of the tax payable the firſt day of April next, or for the whole year's tax to be paid under the ſaid act."

THOMAS DORSEY,
JOHN WEEMS,
RICHARD HARWOOD,
THOMAS WATKINS,
CHARLES WARFIELD,
Commiſſioners of the [illegible]
Anne-Arundel county.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

March 15, 1781.

WHEREAS the general aſſembly, at their laſt ſeſſion did enact, "That the following LOTS, to wit, No. 11, 38, 40, and 41, in Baltimore-town, and the land adjoining or near Baltimore-town, belonging to the heirs of Edward Fotterell, late of the kingdom of Ireland; the property of Anthony Bacon, John Eversfield, George and Andrew Buchanan, James Brown and company, Mackie, Spiers, and company, Mackie, Spiers, French, and company, John Chriſtie, John Buchanan, John Glaſſford and company, the heirs of Samuel Hyde, the heirs of Thomas Bladen, all of Great-Britain," ſhould be ſold at auction:

NOTICE is hereby given, That all the property late belonging to any or all of the aforeſaid perſons, lying in or near or joining to Baltimore-town, will be expoſed to ſale on Wedneſday the 4th of April next, at the court-houſe in ſaid town, on the following terms, viz. One fifth part of the purchaſe money to be paid in ſpecie within three weeks from the day of ſale, the remaining four fifths in the new bills of credit emitted by this ſtate and the new continental bills of credit emitted in this ſtate, one half to be paid in two months, the other half within four months from the day of ſale. 2

By order of the commiſſioners,
THOMAS YATES, auctioneer.

N.B. The commiſſioners appointed to preſerve confiſcated Britiſh property are now attending in Baltimore-town.

TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

Kent-iſland, Feb. 26, 1781.

WAS loſt or ſtolen on Kent-Iſland on Saturday the 24th inſtant, a china faced ſilver WATCH, maker's name, &c. as follows, W. Wilkinſon, No. 7960, London. The perſon ſuſpected of ſtealing the ſaid watch, paſſed from Kent-Iſland to Annapolis on the 25th inſtant, is an Engliſhman, about 27 or 28 years of age, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, his dreſs unknown; had a knapſack at his back, and is ſuppoſed to be a deſerter from the continental army. Whoever will deliver ſaid watch to the printer hereof, ſhall receive the above reward.

N. B. N. M. (the initial letters of the owner's name) are cut in cyphers on the back of ſaid watch. 3

CAME to the plantation of John De Butts, before Chriſtmas 1780, two yearlings and a calf about five months old, one of the yearlings, an heifer of a reddiſh colour, had part of one ear cut off, the other is now a young bull of a cheſnut colour, without mark, the calf is yellow and white, alſo without mark. The owners are deſired to prove their property, pay charges, and take them away. 2

*** *Advertiſements omitted will be inſerted next week.*

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